



Santa Cruz County Syringe Services Program Advisory Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote Meeting
PRESENT: Steve Plumb (1st District), Damon Bruder (3rd District), Eric Sturm (4th District), Patty King (At Large)
EXCUSED: Jim Hart (2nd District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Rahshan Williams (Program Coordinator), Socorro Gutierrez (Health Services Manager), Jennifer Herrera (Assistant Health Services Agency (HSA) Director), Nicky Meza (Administrative Aide), Megan Holland (Administrative Services Manager)
GUESTS:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions:
Meeting convened at 6:00 PM.
2. Review and Approve March 8, 2022, Meeting Minutes:
Motion to approve minutes
Motion/Second: King/Plumb
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Program Updates:
 - 3.1. Williams reviewed the progress on the Board Directives and staff updates. HIV and testing will be offered during the Watsonville exchange shift. They have begun tracking which participants have Medical at each encounter. For those who do not, the program provides information and resources on how to sign up. Commission had questions regarding the new Health Educator and their role in the program. Staff clarified for the Commission.

Presentation slides will be made available.
4. Continuing Business Items:
 - 4.1 Public Works Follow Up-Replacement for Resource Planner IV
The candidate is likely to start by mid-May.
 - 4.2 Syringe Services Program Board Directives
King presented questions regarding the objectives that have been met and directives that have been paused. The Commission also questioned the number of hours the program runs and the availability of volunteers for the exchange and whether the hours

have hindered the program or participation at all. Williams informed them that they conducted a survey regarding preferred hours and have set those hours based on those responses. The Commissioners questioned if our program is now collaborating with the Harm Reduction Coalition. Williams reported that while staff does inform and refer people to them, there is no official collaboration. Chair Bruder expressed the importance of revisiting the Board Directives once a year to stay on track.

4.3 Update from Reports Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on New Agenda Format
Sturm presented the new proposed format. One change he wanted to highlight was to move the section for public comment up to occur earlier in the meeting so that the public does not have to wait through the bulk of the meeting. Commission agreed to bring this item to the next meeting to vote on.

4.4 Update from Community Engagement Ad-Hoc Subcommittee
No updates currently.

5. Public Comment: none

6. New Business/Action Items:

6.1. Vote for Next Meeting Location, Virtual or In-person (AB361)

Commission heard updates from Public Health Incident Commander for the COVID response to check on recommendations for in-person meetings.

Motion to Approve Findings to Authorize Remote Meetings and Remain Virtual for April Meeting

Motion/Second: Plumb/King

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Retain Larger Room to Facilitate Virtual Commission Meeting and Allow for More In-Person

Motion/Second: Plumb/Sturm

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Topics for Future Meetings/Action Items

7.1. Follow up on DPW replacement for Tim Goncharoff, Resource Planner IV.

7.2. Vote on new agenda format

7.3. Research and discuss federal perspective on syringe exchange

7.4. Update from Community Engagement Ad-Hoc Subcommittee

7.5. Commission to vote on AB 361 document for next meeting location.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion/Second: King/Plumb

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by Nicole Meza (*Administrative Aide*)